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In re application: **Genty et al.** §
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Serial No.: **Not Assigned** § Group Art Unit: **2153**
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For: **Method and System for** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS919990302US2**
Algorithm-Based Address-Evading §
Network Snoop Avoider §

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page one, before the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION, please insert the following paragraph:

> This application is a divisional of application number 09/383,740,
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